

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2220 - SB 2359

February 27, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to develop and implement an educational and treatment program for compulsive gambling disorder by January 1, 2005. The department is to report to the House Health and Human Resources Committee, the Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee and the Select Committee on the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,970,000

Estimate assumes:

- a public awareness campaign about gambling disorders would require approximately \$500,000 in state resources.
- according to the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, based upon the reported rate in numerous medical studies, there are approximately 49,000 adult pathological gamblers in Tennessee.
- the estimated cost of treating pathological gambling disorder is \$3,000 per person (based upon costs of similar programs in other states). If one percent of the 49,000 persons seek treatment, it would require funding of \$1,470,000.

NOTE: A study by the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission published in November 2003, estimated that 1.4% of persons with pathological gambling disorder seek treatment.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director